

**TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE**



**FISCAL NOTE**

**SB 643 - HB 777**

March 20, 2009

**SUMMARY OF BILL:** Requires all students in grades K-12 to have an annual eye exam performed by a licensed ophthalmologist or optometrist. Examination records shall be treated the same as immunization records and will be kept on file in the student's record.

**ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:**

**Increase Local Expenditures – Not Significant/Permissive**

Assumptions:

- Bill states that it is the parent's responsibility to procure these tests. Currently, many local education agencies (LEAs) are providing vision screenings at no cost. LEAs may be using donated services or gifts to provide these screenings.
- Current law permits but does not require LEAs to provide dental and eye examinations at free or reduced cost to those children who could not otherwise afford the service.
- Any increase in permissive local expenditures to provide these screenings is estimated to be not significant.
- No state appropriations will be made for this purpose.

**CERTIFICATION:**

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "James W. White".

James W. White, Executive Director

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